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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices for next week were trending higher in all areas. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Retail and food service demand covered the full range with best movement where weekend needs increased and for active promotions. Supplies of all sizes were in balance to short of full trade needs. In the parts structure, demand was moderate to good. Wings were at least sufficient with limited interest. Breast items and dark meat cuts were no more than adequate to tight and continued to be held with confidence. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at weights in a full range.

**Preliminary report** Prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 19-FEB-2007 (cents per lb)

### US GRADE A

(Including branded product)

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	73.00-76.00	73.00-83.00	76.26	28
New York	76.00-79.00			
Los Angeles	81.00			

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	74.00-76.00	70.00-82.00	74.20	93
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**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 74.25 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

### PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
895	72.00-75.45	74.09
Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice-packed parts:		
	WTD. AVG.	VOLUME
LINE RUN TENDERS	186.50	1,206
BREASTS - B/S	154.50	4,973
BREASTS - WHOLE	98.00	1,134
THIGH MEAT - B/S	102.00	1,016
LEG QUARTERS	40.00	7,719
WINGS	135.00	2,411

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

**SOUTHERN BROILER** Trade sentiment was fully steady to instances firm. Retail demand entering the weekend was light to moderate with few features present. Food service was fair to moderate, best for active fast food promotions. Supplies of all sizes of whole product and wogs were close balanced to short of full trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was moderate to good. Wings were adequate to fully sufficient with mixed interest. Dark meat was adequate to well cleared, and breast items were close balanced to tight and continued to move well. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYERS** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was moderate to instances good entering the weekend. Offerings of all sizes were in good balance to well cleared. Retail and distributive movement was fair to moderate. The market tone was fully steady. In the parts complex, breast items, tenders and thigh meat were in good balance to tight. Dark meat cuts were adequate to well cleared. Wings were more than sufficient for current needs.

**WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** The market tone was firm with trading reported for next week's deliveries at higher prices. Offerings were adequate. Retailer demand was fairly good overall with best interest where promotional activities in progress. Dealers anticipated moderate weekend carryovers. The market tone on parts was strongest for boneless items.

**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Preliminary majorities increased sharply over Monday's final. Whole broiler/fryer market tone ended the week fully steady to firm, on very light offerings. Trade interest was mixed but generally moderate. Retail and food service demand tapering, slow to light for the most part with only a few locations noting a fairly good call for the weekend. Floor stocks and weights were in a full range. Supplies of wings, especially larger sizes increased in availability while other parts remained snug to short of trade call. The market tone was weak on large wings, steady to barely steady on regular wings and steady to firm on all other parts.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was moderate to good entering the weekend. Seller offerings were in close balance to tight for immediate trade requirements. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mixed, but mostly desirable. Processing schedules were reported as moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices remained unchanged at 77 to 87 cents. Trade sentiment ranged fully steady to instances firm. In the parts complex, wings were becoming more available. Breast and dark meat items were adequate to tight and continued to clear easily.

\*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

### BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	75-91
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)
CUMULATIVE	02/12/07 - 02/16/07 (A)
	02/13/06 - 02/17/06 (A)
NO. OF BOXES	02/12/07 - 02/16/07 (A)
	02/13/06 - 02/17/06 (A)

(A) NOT REPORTED TO AVOID DISCLOSING INDIVIDUAL OPERATIONS

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**SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS**

FEB 16

ITEM	POUNDS		MAJORITY	WTD AVG	POUNDS		MAJORITY	WTD AVG	WEEKLY	
	(000)	RANGE			(000)	RANGE			(000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	555	140.00-225.00	-	150.23	585	142.00-220.00	-	153.47	2,985	151.09
TENDERLOINS	221	165.00-219.00	-	169.47	204	169.00-175.00	-	172.43	1,126	172.38
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				392	95.14
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				255	90.57
LEGS	208	50.00-61.00	53-54	53.60	128	50.00-60.00	-	53.91	965	52.96
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	638	36.00-42.00	38-39	38.44	573	36.00-42.00	38-39	38.56	3,012	38.52
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	808	38.00-43.00	40-41	40.46	792	38.00-44.00	40-41	40.15	3,846	40.16
WINGS (WHOLE)	TOO FEW TO REPORT				295	90.00-135.00	-	111.02	1,423	120.34
WINGS (CUT)	TOO FEW TO REPORT				280	129.00-144.00	-	137.86	1,440	140.41
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				306	41.19
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				107	44.17
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				590	100.14

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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

TRADING FOR FEB 15, 2007 -- F.O.B. DOCK.

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TRADING FOR FEB 16, 2007 -- F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
62.50 - 67.50	64.61	64.00 - 68.50	66.03	64.64

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS** - Trucklot buying interest was moderately good to good entering the weekend. Offerings of breast items, tenders and thigh meat were well cleared and held with confidence. Dark meat cuts were generally adequate and clearing satisfactorily. Wings were more than sufficient for current needs. Movement through retail and distributive channels was at least moderate. The market tone was fully steady to firm for breast items, tenders and boneless skinless thigh meat; at least steady to fully steady for most dark meat cuts.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND.

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FEB 16

ITEM	CURRENT NEG		WTD	VOL/LBS	CURRENT NEG		WTD	VOL/LBS	WEEKLY	
	TRADING*	AVG**			TRADING*	AVG**			WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	160-165	146.79	146.79	612,428	160-165	148.79	148.79	661,990	143.95	3,241,746
TENDERLOINS	170-175	164.37	164.37	134,960	170-175	167.09	167.09	102,600	160.85	612,580
BREAST - WITH RIBS	97-98	100.10	100.10	110,080	98-99	103.05	103.05	77,000	100.68	414,120
BREAST - LINE RUN	97	99.13	99.13	72,000	98	99.80	99.80	90,000	98.11	394,200
LEGS	54-55	58.22	58.22	58,760	54-55	57.41	57.41	111,720	54.15	651,400
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	41-42	39.37	39.37	324,120	41-42	41.68	41.68	367,760	39.46	1,697,880
DRUMSTICKS	47-48	49.62	49.62	129,908	47-48	51.95	51.95	128,619	48.18	613,514
THIGHS	51-52	56.47	56.47	71,600	51-52	56.12	56.12	81,680	54.28	406,750
B/S THIGHS	109-110	105.95	105.95	42,880	110-111	98.29	98.29	98,200	99.47	451,500
WINGS (WHOLE)	129-130	132.86	132.86	169,720	129-130	130.72	130.72	162,568	131.34	887,648
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	10.59	10.59	20,040	10-12	10.91	10.91	18,800	10.94	95,440
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	36.97	36.97	13,840	35-40	39.12	39.12	6,560	37.82	51,600
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	49.04	49.04	26,160	45-50	50.85	50.85	23,880	48.19	120,760

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, RI, &amp; PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). \* NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

\*\* WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

**ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)**

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WT		ACTUAL	AVG WTS
02/16	02/15	02/14	02/13	02/14	02/13	02/09	02/07	
Alabama	4,342	3,984	3,623	3,874	5.49	5.49	4,136	5.46
Arkansas	4,747	5,078	5,026	5,040	5.13	5.23	4,573	5.12
Delmarva	2,087	2,178	1,980	2,162	5.63	5.73	2,203	5.62
KY-LA-TN	2,186	2,313	2,022	2,327	4.92	5.12	2,431	5.12
Mississippi	2,729	2,776	2,780	2,946	5.56	5.65	3,036	5.89
North Carolina	2,585	2,696	2,607	2,661	6.97	6.88	2,547	6.87
Texas	2,501	2,500	2,369	2,451	5.23	5.27	2,108	5.24
Total	21,177	21,525	20,407	21,461	5.53	5.58	21,034	5.57
Mon-Fri	107,244(A)						105,304(A)	
Saturday	381 (included in total for date shown)						740	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 16-Feb-07 and 17-Feb-07 is estimated to be 31,683,000 head up 0.38 percent from a week ago and down -6.04 percent from a year ago.  
(Last week 31,564,000, last year 33,721,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the weekending 17-Feb-07 is estimated to be 158,943,000 head up 0.92 percent from a week ago, and down 2.13 percent from a year ago. (Last week 157,501,000, last year 162,394,000)

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	91-100
ROASTERS 4# & UP	99-108
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	65-74
DUCKS	-
RABBITS-WHOLE	-
RABBITS-CUT UP	-

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY DLVRD TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

		RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	93-105
	DRY PACK	110-114
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	98
	DRY PACK	111-118
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	86-100
	DRY PACK	100-107
DUCKS		190-195

**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED** Under federal inspection,  
Week ending 10-Feb-07

	(A) 4.25 lbs & down	(B) 4.26- 6.26 lbs	(C) 6.26- 7.75 lbs	(D) 7.76 lbs & up	Total
	Thousands				
(Preliminary)					
Head	44,640	84,897	16,277	11,687	157,501
Avg Live Wgt	3.79	5.48	6.92	8.14	5.35
% of total /1	28%	54%	10%	8%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	39,542	83,768	21,587	10,713	155,610
Avg Live Wgt	3.64	5.38	6.99	8.49	5.37
% of total /1	25%	54%	14%	7%	100%
Year Ago 2/	47,685	77,937	25,537	13,314	164,473
Avg Live Wgt	3.84	5.38	6.97	8.20	5.41
% of total /1	29%	47%	16%	8%	100%
To date/2007	243,866	490,299	117,776	66,173	918,114
To date/2006	276,471	451,975	139,525	94,592	962,563

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding.

/2 Comparable week.

Weight Class Description:

(A) This size product is normally marketed bone-in into fast food and food service sectors and may include Cornish hens.

(B) This size product is normally marketed into the retail grocery sector in tray pack or bagged forms.

(C) This size product is normally marketed either into the retail grocery sector in tray pack and IQF form or is further processed and marketed into various sectors.

(D) This size product is normally marketed deboned or as roasters or roasting chicken.

**LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION** W/E 10-Feb-07

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
	THOUSANDS				
(Preliminary)					
Head	157,501	1,121	1,435	2,556	502
Avg Wt	5.35	3.28	7.94	5.90	6.74
Last week	155,610	1,202	1,309	2,511	536
Same wk yr ago	164,473	1,269	1,349	2,618	519
Avg Wt	5.41	3.35	8.01	5.75	6.80
To-date/2007	918,114	6,488	8,148	14,636	3,109
To-date/2006	962,563	8,359	8,299	16,658	2,937

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 160.9 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 159.4 million head, or 1.5 million less than estimated available.

**ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON**

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
January 6	135.9	150.0	91%	5.48
13	162.4	155.4	105%	5.42
20	152.2	159.8	95%	5.43
27	161.8	161.9	100%	5.33
February 3	157.5	162.8	97%	5.37
10	159.4	160.9	99%	5.35
Year to date	929.2	950.8	98%	
February 17		160.7		
24		162.0		

**BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER****Under Federal Inspection**

W/E	02/17/07	02/10/07	% CHG	02/18/06	% CHG
Broilers	158,943	157,501*	+0.92	162,394*	-2.13
Cattle	624	623	0	545*	+14
Hogs	2,002	1,952	+03	1,991*	+01

\*ACTUAL

**EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY**FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 12-FEB-2007  
**DUCKLINGS:** PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND MOSTLY	155-159	161-165

MIDWEST MOSTLY	136-146	138-148
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**ROASTERS:** PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED, CENTS PER POUND

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	64.00-76.00	72.00-76.00
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	72.00-86.00	74.00-79.00

**SQUABS:** NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ.	62.64 - 85.05
14 OZ.	69.12 - 96.39
16 OZ.	74.88 - 106.73

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA RI, SC, VA, VT &amp; WV

**CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS** Prices unchanged. Trade sentiment steady to fully steady. Demand was good to very good due to the Chinese New Year that will be celebrated this weekend. Supplies were balanced to tight. Schedules were full-time to overtime. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$4.50-5.25, bone in legs at \$1.45-2.40, gizzards at \$1.20-1.40, wings at \$.60-.70, livers at \$.95-1.70, and feet at \$.55-.90.

DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 12-FEB-2007

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	122-146	130-148

**GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION -****February 15, 2007****NO SALES TO REPORT DUE TO  
INCLEMENT WEATHER.**

**NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET** Trading for heavy canners were too few to report; unchanged to slightly higher on lights when compared to the previous week. Offerings of both light and heavy canners were about adequate to adequate for current needs with most available supplies of heavy canners being used internally. Demand was at least moderate. Processing schedules were normal. The undertone was at least steady to instances fully steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

<b>LIGHT CANNER HENS</b>	<b>HEAVY CANNER HENS</b>
<b>(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)</b>	<b>(WITHOUT NECKS)</b>
21-31 MAJORITY 24.5-25.5	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

<b>LIGHT CANNER HENS</b>	<b>HEAVY CANNER HENS</b>
<b>(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)</b>	<b>(WITHOUT NECKS)</b>
23-33.5 MAJORITY 28-29	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

#### LIGHT TYPE HENS

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS (INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

**EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HENS** Prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair to at least moderate for the generally adequate offerings of light type hens. Processing schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was steady.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
REMOVAL COST	5-12	8-10

**SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HENS** Trading was TFEWR. Demand was light for fully adequate offerings of spent leghorn fowl. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were slow. Salvage costs were expected to remain constant.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

**NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HENS** Prices ranged unchanged. Offerings were balanced to adequate with demand fair to instances fairly good. Processing schedules continued normal for next week. Trade sentiment steady.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
REMOVAL COST	5-9	

#### HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 19-FEB-07

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN** Negotiations were light and too few to report. Demand was moderate for adequate supplies of spent heavy fowl. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were as desired. Trade sentiment was about steady.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN** Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was noted as at least moderate for the mostly adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules for next week were noted as normal. Sales of finished product moderate. The undertone was at least steady.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

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